(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any consultation with the State Governments have been held in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when such a policy would be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Necessary provisions for Inter-State transport which include Inter-State Permits, National Permits, All India Tourist Permits etc. already exist in the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and Rules made thereunder.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Lucknow-Delhi Highway

†2607. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose a scheme to strengthen and develop Lucknow-Delhi highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this would be complete?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Continuous efforts have been made to improve the Delhi-Lucknow road, NH-24. Delhi-Ghaziabad-Hapur section is already four laned. In Hapur-Moradabad section, the work of four laning has been awarded. Moradabad-Lucknow section is two lane and is proposed to be four-laned under National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) phase-III. This stretch has been maintained in traffic worthy condition.

Length of National Highways in Uttaranchal

2608. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the length of National Highways in the kilometers in the State of Uttaranchal;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct some new National Highways or to extend the old highways in the State in the current plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The total length of National Highways in the State of Uttaranchal is 2073 Km.

(b) and (c) At present there is no proposal to extend or declare any new National Highway.

Four Laning of National Highways

2609. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the names of National Highways selected for four laning during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06, State-wise;

(b) the fund earmarked and spent so far; and

(c) in how many cases the work is running as per time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The State-wise details of National Highways selected for four/six laning during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(b) During the year 2004-05 total allocation of Rs. 5807.50 crore has been made for development of National Highways. Out of this, Rs. 3202.89 crore has been spent upto 28th February, 2005. Allocations of Rs. 8402.04 crore have been earmarked for the year 2005-06 for development of National Highways.

(c) All four laning projects taken up during 2004-05 are progressing on schedule.